

DID CLAM CHOWDER POISON COHEN, ALSO?

Keeper in the Tombs, Where
Mrs. Fleming Is Con-
fined. Says It Did.

She Is on Trial for Poisoning
Her Mother, Using That
Dish as a Medium.

There is a Rumor That the Accused
Put Aside \$10,000 with Which
to Secure Certain Evidence.

ONE JUROR WANTED TO TRY HER.

After a Tedious Day of Questioning the
Eleventh Member of the Panel
Is Chosen Out of Many
Talesmen.

A rumor has been floating about the
Chimney Court Building for several days
that when Mrs. Fleming, who is on trial
for her life, charged with having poisoned
her mother, Mrs. Bliss, came into possession
of the \$50,000 belonging to her mother,
she at once deposited \$10,000 as a fund to
be devoted to procuring certain evidence of
great importance to her defense. How this
fund was deposited, with whom or where,
if at all, has not developed. Mrs. Fleming
came into possession of her mother's property
about a month ago.

Martin Cohen, a keeper in the Tombs,
became apparently violently ill on the
night of May 2, complaining of severe
pains in his stomach and bowels. He said
he had eaten a clam chowder in Fox's res-
taurant, No. 154 Canal street, at 8 o'clock.
His illness began at 8 o'clock. He fell upon
the floor writhing and foaming at the
mouth, and was taken in an ambulance to
Governor's Hospital.

Mrs. Fleming is charged with having
sent to her mother a clam chowder con-
taining the poison that caused her death.
Fox's restaurant is a clean German
resort. The proprietor's name is Herman
Fuchs, but he has thus anglicized it. He
and his wife are extremely ignorant, but
Mrs. Fuchs is considered an excellent cook,
and they are both regarded by their neighbors
as being honest.

OFFICIALS AT THE CHOWDER.
Mr. Fuchs said yesterday that Cohen
had come to the restaurant on the evening
of May 2 and had eaten a clam chowder.
A hundred other people ate of the same
chowder, and no complaint was heard until
four days after Cohen had visited the
place. Then Cohen returned and de-
manded \$10, so the proprietor says, claim-
ing he had been poisoned by vermicelli in
the clam chowder. Fuchs refused to pay
the money and Cohen threatened suit.

When seen at the Tombs last night
Cohen said his illness was undoubtedly due
to the chowder. He began to feel the
cramps at 8 o'clock, became unconscious,
and remembered nothing more until he
awoke, to find the doctors at the hospital
working on him with a stomach pump.

Here there is a very distinct contradiction,
or series of contradictions. Dr. Alfred C.
Johnson, house surgeon, said last night
at the Governor's Hospital that, while
Cohen was found unconscious by the am-
bulance surgeon when the latter arrived at the
Tombs, he was in a perfectly lucid state
when he reached the hospital. Dr. Johnson
said he had made no analysis of the matter
ejected from Cohen's stomach, but there
were no evidences of poisoning by acetate
of copper (verdigris).

Here is another of the contradictions. Dr.
Gould, Fuchs's landlord, called at the hos-
pital on May 12 and asked for a certificate as
to Cohen's illness and treatment. His re-
quest was refused. Dr. Gould then went to
Commissioner Faure, of the Charities De-
partment, who peremptorily ordered Dr.
Johnson to give the required certificate.

The certificate given by Dr. Johnson was
as follows:

Department of Charities and Correction,
Governor's Hospital,
New York, May 12, 1896.

To Whom It May Concern:
This certifies that Morris Cohen was admitted
in a comatose state with symptoms of an acute
gastro-enteritis.

ALBERT C. JOHNSON, House Surgeon.

Dr. Johnson signed this certificate a
week ago, yet last night he said that
Cohen had arrived at the hospital in full
possession of his senses.

SHOULD HAVE BEEN NO COMA.
The medico-legal expert, Dr. O'Sullivan,
was asked last night, without having been
given an inkling as to the bearing of the
subject matter upon the Fleming case,
what the ordinary symptoms of poisoning
by vermicelli were. Dr. O'Sullivan, over-
looking the fact of Cohen's being in a
lucid state, the great English authority,
said it was clearly established that the
symptoms were those of violent poison.

He also quoted from Wormley, the great
American authority, who says that the
usual symptoms of acetate of copper poison-
ing are a sense of burning in the throat
and mouth, purging and violent vomiting,
dizziness, difficulty of breathing and ex-
treme thirst, but no coma.

Dr. Gould, who is in command of his tenant,
Fuchs, visited the Tombs to see Cohen.
He says that Deputy Warden O'Shea, thinking
he came in behalf of Mrs. Fleming,
said:

"This Cohen case is identical with the
poisoning case of Mrs. Fleming's mother.
You had better see Mrs. Fleming and her
lawyer, Mr. Brooke. You could probably
help them."

Warden O'Shea admitted yesterday that
he might have used this language in his
conversation with Dr. Gould.

When a copy of the certificate issued by
Dr. Johnson had been obtained that official
was asked the following question:

"How would gastro-intestinal symptoms
of vermicelli poisoning differ from those of
intestinal cramps, due to alcoholism or al-
coholic colic?"

The reply was that "in no case there
would be coma and in the other none," all
of which indicates that Cohen may have
been either fogging or drunk.

Mrs. Fuchs said yesterday that Cohen
was intoxicated when he ate the chowder.

ONE JUROR MORE WANTED.

If Chosen To-Day, the Case of the People
Against Mrs. Fleming Will
Begin in Earnest.

The eleventh juror was selected in the
Fleming case last evening. It took Re-
corder Goff and counsel six and a half
hours to examine him. He is Edward H.
Friedrich, a harness maker, residing at

No. 62 East One Hundred and Twenty-
fifth street. He knows Arthur Belden, a
Harlem real estate dealer, and a friend of
Miss Florence Bliss, but there is no special
intimacy between them.

Mrs. Fleming asked permission to go to a
dentist's and have a tooth pulled, as she
had been suffering all Monday night with
toothache. The sheriff said a dentist could
go to the Tombs.

Mr. Brooke took occasion to refer to the
miserable arrangements in the court room.
"My attention," he said, "is constantly
riveted upon Mr. McIntyre's back."

"That is not so much the fault of Mr.
McIntyre's back," said the Recorder, "as
the bad design of the court room." Then
he suggested a change, which will prob-
ably be made to-day.

The defense peremptorily challenged
George W. Simpson, a paper hanger, be-
cause of his objections to the death penalty.
Luther P. Tucker, a banker and broker of
No. 71 Broadway, knew Mrs. Fleming's
step-father. That disqualified him. En-
gineer S. Peters, a collector, was perempto-
rily challenged by the prosecution.

Charles S. Richardson, a contracting
agent for the Canadian Pacific Railroad,
was not opposed to scientific testimony
which involved pathology, toxicology and the
nature of medicine. Mr. Brooke and his as-
sociates and Mrs. Fleming were favorably
impressed with the young man, but, to the
surprise of everybody, the State challenged
peremptorily, Herbert Eckstein, was ex-
cused the instant he said he had a place of
business in Hoboken, N. J.

There was an animated discussion be-
tween the Recorder and counsel over the
examination of Henry F. Smith, a wealthy
man, whose townhouse is No. 1238 Madison
avenue, and who here a point of each
year in Marmaroneck. His summons called
for his appearance in court on May 15,
but he was only served on returning to
town yesterday morning. Mr. Brooke said
the court had no right to question him,
as the process under which he was sum-
moned had expired. The Recorder ordered
the point of law, but was inclined to
excuse him. Mr. Smith became very red
in the face while the Recorder laid down
the law. He was finally permitted to de-
part.

The State immediately thereafter per-
emptorily challenged Horace H. Smith.
Herbert Kelly, of No. 333 Second avenue,
was next examined. It came out that, while
in the liquor business two years ago, his
bartender was arrested. He was closely
questioned as to what his attitude would
be toward evidence given by the police.
Finally the State challenged peremptorily
the witness and he was rejected. This was
followed by the peremptory challenge of
Lewis W. Briggs by the defense, and also
of Edward Laux and Joseph W. Cole.

Fifty-two talesmen were examined during
the day, and there are about sixty more
from which the twelfth juror may be ob-
tained. The Recorder has reinstated Court
Officer Dean, who was suspended for per-
mitting Mrs. Fleming to remain outside the
bar to adjust her veil on the first day of
the trial. Colonel Fellows visited the court
yesterday afternoon, and while on the
bench, heard a talesman say he "might"
object to take the law of the case from the
Recorder. Recorder Goff and the Dis-
trict Attorney were much amused thereat.

COLONIAL DAMES AT WAR.

Rival Societies Refuse to Amalgamate
and Negotiations Are
at an End.

The Colonial Dames are at war again,
and peace, which seemed so near their
two societies a fortnight ago, is further
away than ever. Then the Colonial Dames
of America and the Colonial Dames of the
State of New York met and discussed
amalgamation, at the suggestion of the
former, which proposed that three Dames
from each society should convey the terms
of agreement by which the two organiza-
tions should unite.

The Colonial Dames of America selected
Mrs. Arthur Peabody, Miss Julia L. De-
lafield and Mrs. John Trevor; the Colonial
Dames of the State of New York appointed
Mrs. Eugene Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Elith
Chunney and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

The terms of agreement were perfectly
satisfactory to these representatives, and
union seemed an accomplished fact, and
the Colonial Dames of America did not
"dorm and under practical under exist-
ing circumstances."

It is most extraordinary," said a New
York State Dame last evening, "and espe-
cially as we were generous enough to forget
the indignations of Mrs. John King Van
Rensselaer about Virginia being a penal
settlement, and willing for the good and
honor of the Empire State, to unite with
a society which had practically shut its
door to our races."

The original society was the idea of Mrs.
Benjamin S. Church and the late Mrs.
Martha J. Lamb, an historian. After
while dissatisfaction arose because some of
the members were not thought to be in the
same social set as others.

While these internal dissensions were go-
ing on a number of societies of Colonial
Dames sprang up in different parts of the
country—in Virginia, Delaware and nearly
all the thirteen original States. They united
under the name of the National So-
ciety of Colonial Dames. New York was
the only State not represented in the na-
tional society.

A few women living near Troy declared
upon representing the State, but succeeded
from each society should convey the terms
of agreement by which the two organiza-
tions should unite.

SAID THEY ARE NOT THE MEN.

Alleged San Francisco Forgers Will Fight
Against Extradition.

Newark, N. J., May 19.—Detectives
Whittaker and Seymour, of San Francisco,
arrived in this city to-night. They came for
Henry Becker and James J. Cregan, the
alleged forgers.

The detectives stopped at Trenton on
their way East, and saw Governor Vets. He
signed the extradition papers. These
were received on Monday by the court of
justice. He refused to hand
over the prisoners, as their counsel, ex-
Senator M. T. Barrett, had secured a writ
of habeas corpus from Judge Kirkpatrick
to-day, requiring the production of the
prisoners in court next Monday morning.

The prisoners will fight extradition on the
ground they are not the men wanted.

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GEN. NERINO WILL GO SOUTH IN SECTIONS.

Colombia's Unique Coast
Defence Gunboat Ready
for Transport.

Designed on New Lines—In-
tended for Fighting in Shoal
Water and Running Away.

Freighter South Portland, Strength-
ened and Armored, Will Carry
Her to Baranquilla

RUMOR OF CUBAN INTEREST DENIED.

Eventful History of a Ship That Ran
Haytian Blockades and Was Engaged
to Aid a Venezuelan Revolu-
tion, but Did Not.

Before the end of the month the big
freighter South Portland will clear from
this port for Baranquilla. Lashed on her
decks and stowed in her hold will be all the
sections of the gunboat General Nerino,
built for the Colombian Government at the
Ramsey yards, Perth Amboy.

If the hopes of her builders are realized,
the General Nerino will prove a revelation
to the designers of coast defence vessels,
but just now she is a bundle of disjointed
sections of steel and iron, weighing, all
told, about 150 tons. Each section has been
accurately fitted and carefully numbered.
She may be put together easily, and the
cleverest men in Ramsey's yards will go to
Colombia to superintend the operation.

They say that the two important condi-
tions specified in the contract—i. e., gun-
carrying capacity and speed—will be more
than realized. The material in her is of the
very best quality. Her length overall will
be 140 feet. Her hull is of steel, with a
deck beam of 55 feet, a depth of hold of 7
feet and an estimated draught of 12 feet 3
inches. If it comes to a pinch, she can run
fifteen knots per hour.

Her small draught will enable her to
run in closer to the shore than any ordi-
nary war vessel, but her light tonnage will
make her vulnerable to fire of land tangu-
ers. So it was that the agent of the Col-
ombians specified that she should be de-
livered in sections, to be transported at
the cost and risk of the Colombian Govern-
ment to the port of Baranquilla.

A week ago the General Nerino was com-
pleted, and her future owners notified of
the fact. Cincinaty Calderon, the Colom-
bian Consul-General, began to look round
for a ship to transport the gunboat to her
home in the South. The shipping firm of
W. W. Hubert & Co., of No. 18 Broadway,
had chartered the big freighter South Port-
land, and announced their intention of es-
tablishing a regular line of freight service
to Baranquilla. The shipping firm agreed
to transport the General Nerino to South
Portland, the first trip made by the
South Portland, which is now lying in the
yards of Dowling & Lawrence, in South
Brooklyn.

Workers have been busy for weeks
sheathing the South Portland's sides and
prow with plates of steel and stiffening
her hull with an elaborate arrangement of
iron rods. On this work is based a rumor
that the South Portland is being fitted out
for a filibustering trip to Cuba, and that
the disjunct gunboat was to be used by
the Cubans in their struggle for indepen-
dence.

Cincinaty Calderon, the Colombian Consul-
General, said yesterday:
"The report that the General Nerino is
going to Cuba is absurd. She was built
by order of the Colombian Government, and
I intend to send her to Baranquilla on the
steamer South Portland. We will use her for
coast defence, and expect great things of
her. Tomorrow or Thursday the task of
loading her on the South Portland will
begin, and I understand that the steamer
will sail May 27."

The South Portland was built in Scotland
by Dobson & Charles in 1883. She is an
American vessel, and hailed originally from
Baltimore. Her net tonnage is 428 and
gross 622. She is 135 feet long, beam 29
feet and depth of hold 13 feet. She is
schooner-rigged, and rated in the first class
in the Maritime Record. She can be
speeded at the rate of twelve knots an hour.

The Portland once belonged to a broker
named Elliott, who sent her to Hayti
during the trouble between Hippolyte and
Legitime. She was said to have been a
blockade runner for General Legitime. In
1882 she was chartered by agents of
Joachim Crespo to carry arms and ammu-
nition to Venezuela. The Venezuelan
Minister at Washington learned of her
purpose, and she was retained by the Fed-
eral authorities. At present her managing
owners are McCaldin Brothers, of No. 81
Broad street.

Historian Abbott's Widow Dead.

Matteawan, N. Y., May 19.—Mrs. Jane W.
Abbott, widow of the well-known historian,
Rev. John S. C. Abbott, died at her home
of her long illness, Rev. H. O. Ladd, of Fish-
kill, last night, at the age of 81 years.

She was a tireless worker and a valuable aid
to her husband in his literary labors. Many
of the forty-four volumes of the "Letters of
Napoleon" were transcribed and indexed by her.
The "Letters of Napoleon" at St. Helena" were
entirely her own translation from the French.
Her remains will be interred in New Haven, Conn.

Special Notices.

Children Cry for
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Deaths.

PERRY.—In San Francisco, May 18, Teresa M.
Perry, beloved wife of the late Captain Richard
Perry and mother of Richard J. Perry, Peter P.
and William E. Perry, and stepmother of John and
James Perry; native of Ireland; aged fifty-four
years.

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flammation, allays pain, cures whooping cough, 25c.

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BOYS WANTED A NICE RIG.

So They Took Possession of William
Gray's Horse and Wagon, and
Got into Trouble.

The highest ambition of Ferdinand Marx,
sixteen years old, and Albert Morris, four-
teen years old, who live, respectively, at
No. 325 East Seventeenth street, and No.
1583 Avenue A, has been to have a horse
and wagon to go driving with.

The boys were walking along East One
Hundred and Twenty-third street talking
about their hobby yesterday noon when
they noticed just the kind of a horse they
had in mind attached to a light wagon
and standing in front of No. 135. After
patting the horse on the hip of the
without receiving any look of recognition,
they climbed up and took the reins on the
seat. Morris drove for a while and then
they Marx took a hand at it. They drove
down and down town, and engaged them-
selves thoroughly. William Gray, who
owns the rig, was surprised at its disap-
pearance, and notified the police. The boys
were standing in front of his home in
One Hundred and Twenty-third street
about 2 o'clock when he saw the two boys
and his horse and wagon going north along
Lexington avenue. He gave chase, but the
boys whipped up the horse and disap-
peared across the Harlem Bridge. Several
hours later he saw the boys again, looking
happy as could be, driving along Third
street, east of 135th street.

Time Police Officer Ward joined him. The
boys were arrested and taken to the East
One Hundred and Twenty-third street Sta-
tion. Where Marx was locked up and Mor-
ris taken to the rooms of the City Society.
Both boys will be arraigned in the Harlem
Police Court this morning.

MISSION BOARD'S DEBT CUT.

Presbyterian Deficit Greatly Reduced Dur-
ing the Past Year.

Detailed statements of the financial af-
fairs of the Presbyterian boards of mis-
sions will be presented to the General As-
sembly at Saratoga to-morrow. Advance
sheets show that the total contributions re-
ceived by the Million Dollar Fund Com-
mittee to clear of the debts which have bur-
dened the boards was \$350,000. The total
deficit of all the boards last year was \$900,000.

Gains in contributions, decreased ex-
penses and appropriations from the Million
Dollar Fund Committee have reduced the
back debt to about \$250,000. The Board's
receipts in the past year exceeded ex-
penditures \$1,330,332, while the Home
Board's expenditures exceeded receipts
\$127,552.91.

The building at Fifth avenue and Twen-
ty-third street cost \$1,800,000, including \$670,000
for land, \$1,000,000 for the building,
\$50,000 architect's commissions. This is
estimated at \$125,000 per annum. The
legacies of Mrs. R. L. Stuart, \$450,000
mortgage with Seaboard Bank for Savings
\$200,000 on the new building, and tempo-
rary loan of the old Lenox mansion, Twelfth
street and Broadway, \$350,000. The Lenox
homestead is now in the market, the price
proposed being \$400,000. The boards look to this
building to clear off their temporary loans at
least, leaving the new building worth
\$1,800,000, with a debt of half that sum.

The rental value of the new building is
estimated at \$125,000 per annum. The
house as present occupied brings in about
\$85,000 in rentals. Commissions, taxes,
etc., amount to \$40,000, and the interest
on the mortgage is about \$72,000 per an-
num.

HIS \$20,000 COMMISSION.

O'Brien Will Get a Small Fortune on the
Ward's Island Purchase.

The Board of Estimate and Apportion-
ment yesterday allowed the claim of John
C. O'Brien for \$20,000 for services in the
purchase of Ward's Island for \$1,000,000.
A motion was made by Charles F. Smith
for the purchase of six lots for the new college
building, at St. Nicholas terrace and Con-
vent avenue. Comptroller Fitch objected
to the cost and the matter went over.
The Board approved of a \$500,000 bond
issue to pay the expenses of the East River
Bridge Trustees.

Held for Attempted Train Wrecking.

Boonton, N. J., May 19.—At the hearing
to-night in the matter of attempted train
wrecking, sufficient evidence to commit
John Marcone, Boonton, to await the
action of the Grand Jury was found.

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BIKES MUST GO SLOWLY.

Policemen Instructed to Arrest Scorchers.
Also Those Who Drive
Horses Too Fast.

Acting under instructions from Acting
Chief of Police Cortright, the police will
try to regulate the speed of bicyclists.
They must not go faster than eight
miles an hour, and all other ve-
hicles, including horse cars, are limited
to a five-mile rate. The police must
carry out this order "in a fair, im-
partially and continuously," as
the order says.

Acting Chief Cortright talked about the
order yesterday. In fact, he was enthu-
siastic over it.
"If it will be popular," he said, "and
there should be no difficulty in enforcing
it. Any good policeman can tell when a
wagon or a bicycle is going faster than
the law allows. He can and must stop them,
even if on foot. If it be a wagon, he need
only take the name of the firm or the num-
ber. If it be a carriage, let him stop it, he
would a runaway. And if it should be
a bicycle let him throw his club in front of
the wheels. The magistrate will do the rest."

The order was read in all the station
houses yesterday morning, and went into
effect immediately. No arrests were re-
corded for the day.

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COUNTRY HOUSE

(Pottery and Glass Dept.)

A large assortment of
plates for breakfast, dinner,
etc.

Blue and white Dinner-
ware in any quantity, very
moderate in price.

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